

## GETTING REFUNDS FROM TAXES

Burlington Weed & Seed Initiative has partnered with IRS and Department of Justice to provide the VITA Program to the community, particularly those with low and limited income, individuals with disabilities, non-English speaking and elderly taxpayers.

The VITA program, through volunteers, helps taxpayers prepare their tax return at NO COST. In this way, they will not have to use their refund to pay someone to prepare their tax return. Low income residents will be able to receive tax refunds up to \$4,000 per each year filed.

### **VOLUNTEERS will receive**

- IRS Certification
- Valuable tax knowledge and experience
- Opportunity to enhance their resumes
- Recognitions and benefits from the city
- Pride in being part of a big impact project that can rejuvenate the economy of our community

**BE PART OF IT !!!**

**Get your tax refunds**

**and/or Volunteer**



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**DO YOU KNOW  
THAT.....**

**when you file taxes  
you may get a  
refund?**



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### Can everyone get this refund?

**Yes, but you need to meet** certain requirements

### Well, who can get these benefits?

- Low-wage workers and their families
- Families with incomes less than \$38,348.
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### How much can I get back?

These families can receive up to \$4,536 in EITC and additional \$1,000 with the CTC

### What are the EITC and CTC?

They are Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC)  
The EITC is the Nation's largest antipoverty program and the additional CTC is a refundable income tax credit for low-wage workers and families



### How can I get the benefit?

File your tax return!!!!

**Rejuvenate your budget and  
the community's  
economy!!!**

**How a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site is going to help you**

### But I do not file taxes because I earn too little

- This is exactly the reason to file taxes!!!
- If you earn a small amount, you are more likely to receive the benefit in a time frame of 2 to 6 weeks: **MONEY BACK!!**

### But... I do not know how to do it and I do not have the money to pay an accountant

- BINGOOOOOOO!!!! Do not worry about that. That is what the VITA PROGRAM is for.

## VITA Program

### What is the VITA program?

- The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program is an initiative that provides FREE tax help in the community. Volunteers help people with basic tax returns, particularly those with low and limited income, individuals with disabilities, non-English speaking and elderly taxpayers.



## HOW? WHEN? WHERE?

Starting January 15th, 2007, the community can go to the VITA Site located at Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church -302 Logan St, Burlington- to have their taxes done at **NO CHARGE.**

If you have kids and you do not have anybody to watch them while you go to the VITA site, take them with you. Volunteers will take care of them.

Do not forget to keep, organize and bring your income information for 2006.

If you want to file previous years taxes, bring that information as well.

## WHAT IF...

### ..... I have not filed taxes before or I missed some years

VITA can help you file your previous year's taxes. You can file back as far as you would like but if you are due a refund, you will only receive a refund for the last 3 years.

### ..... I do not have a Social Security number

You do not need a Social Security number to file taxes. You can apply for an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) that is issued by the IRS.

And if you do not have an ITIN, the VITA volunteers will prepare Form W-7 for you to attach to your return. An ITIN is issued regardless of race, religion or immigration status.

The IRS is only concerned with your earned income and paying your share of taxes on the earned income. ITIN taxpayers are eligible for all credits under the IRS law except the EITC which requires a valid social security number.